



DELAWARE'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Press Briefing
April 28, 2020

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Delaware Cases of COVID-19

4,575 positive cases

since first case confirmed on March 11, 2020

137 total deaths

1,096 total recoveries

337 current hospitalizations

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**NEW
CASTLE**

1,701
positive cases
*since first case confirmed on
March 11, 2020*

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728
positive cases
*since first case confirmed on
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2,114
positive cases
*since first case confirmed on
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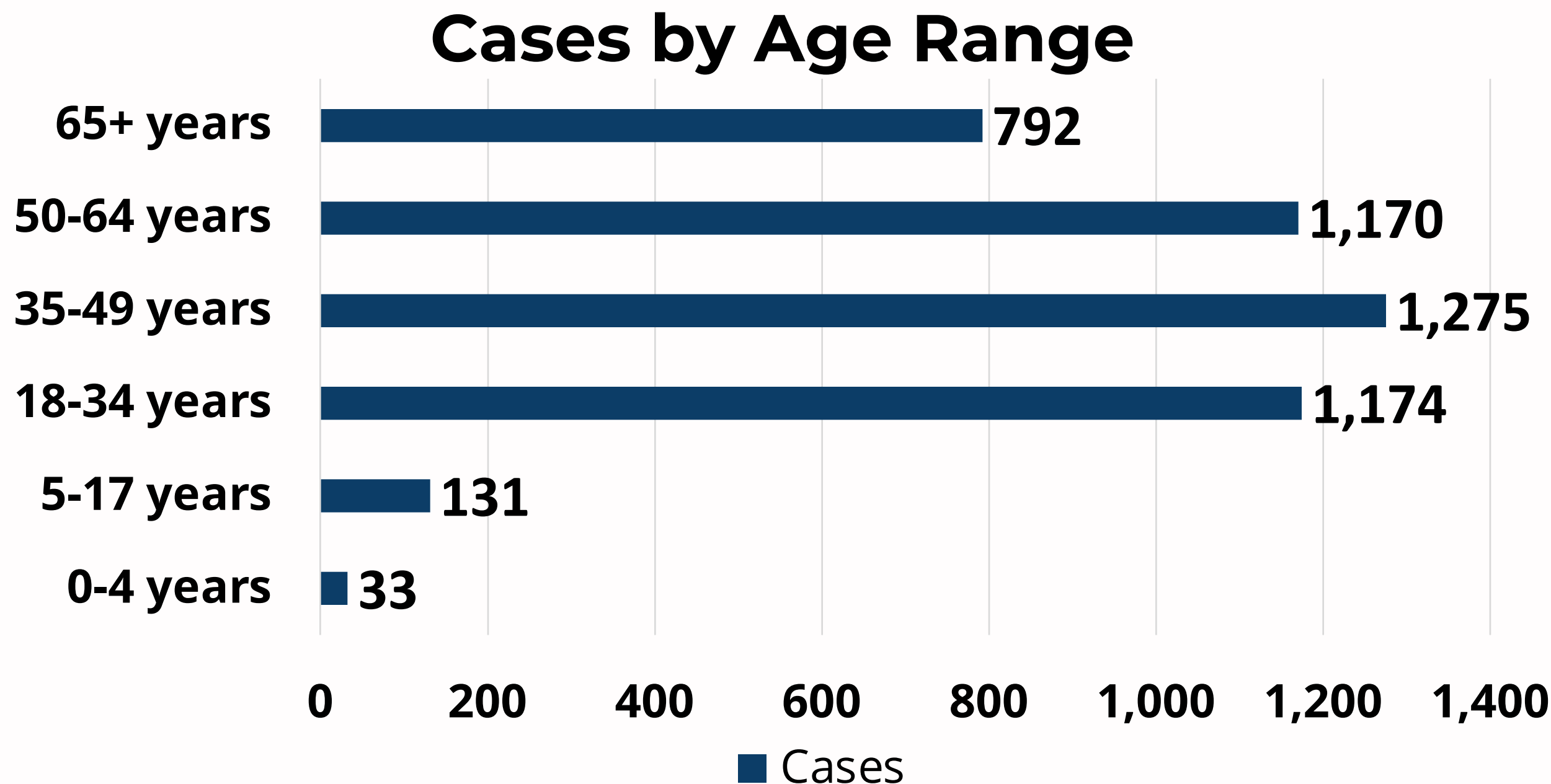
**32 county unknown
positive cases**

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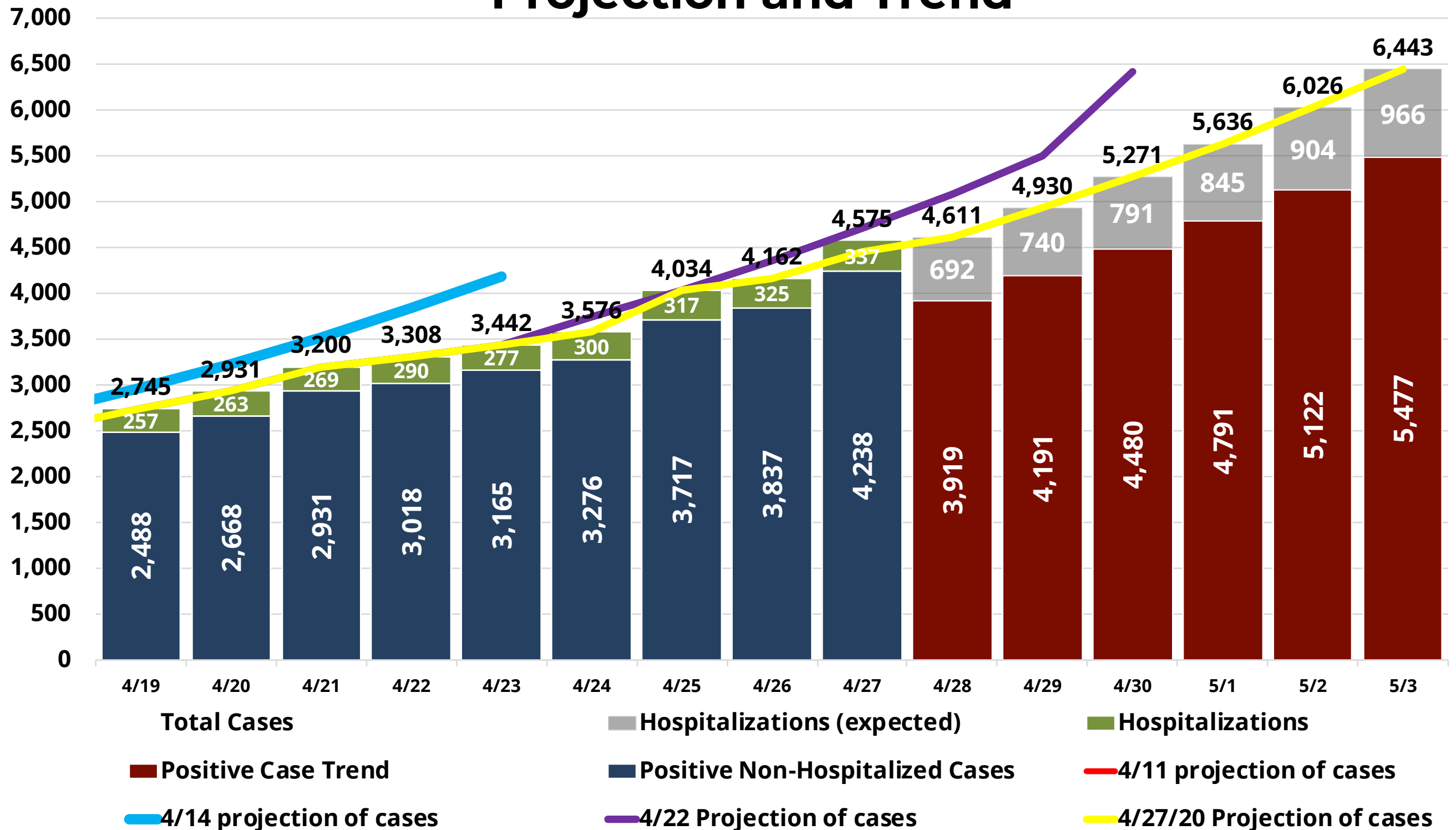


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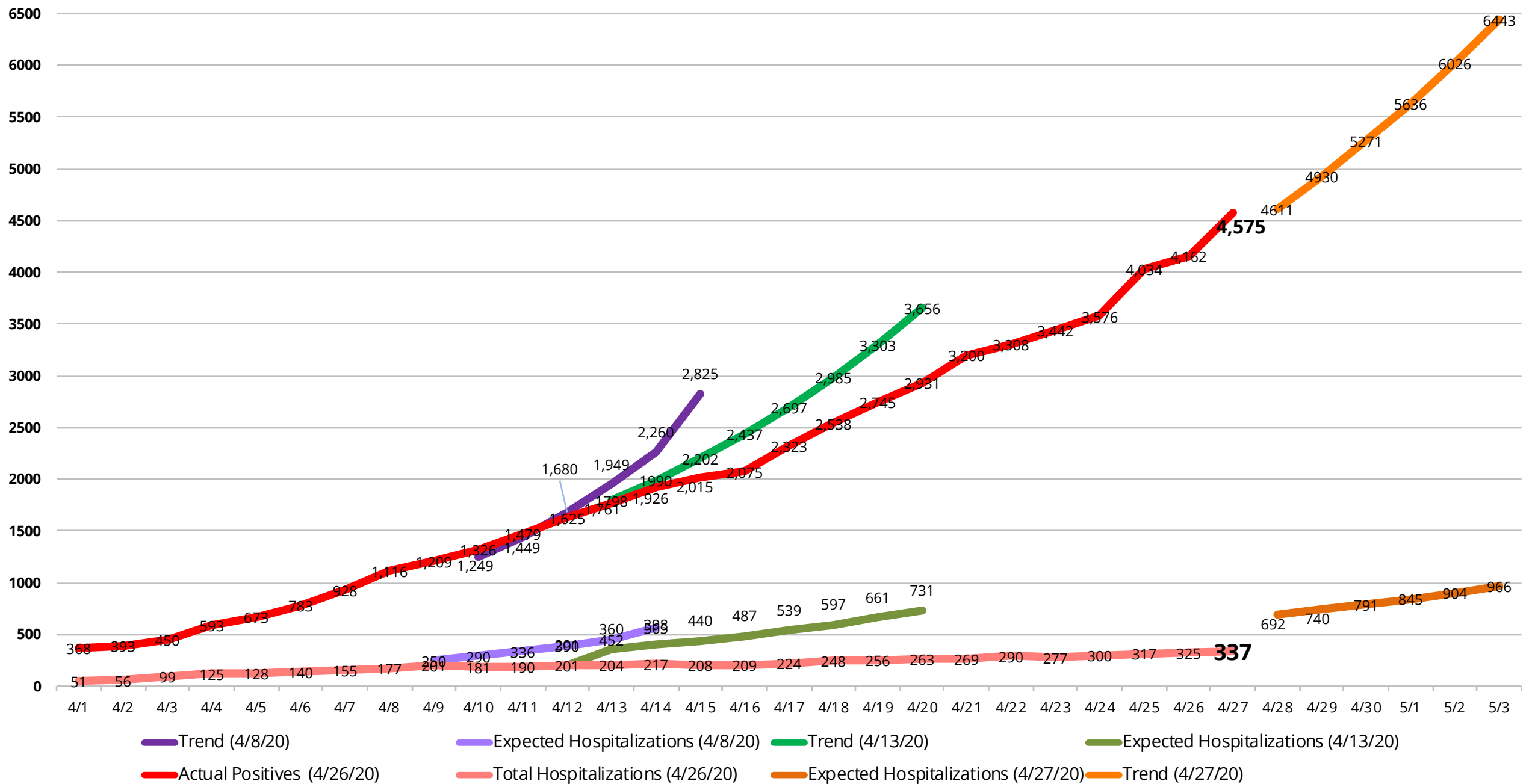
Projection and Trend



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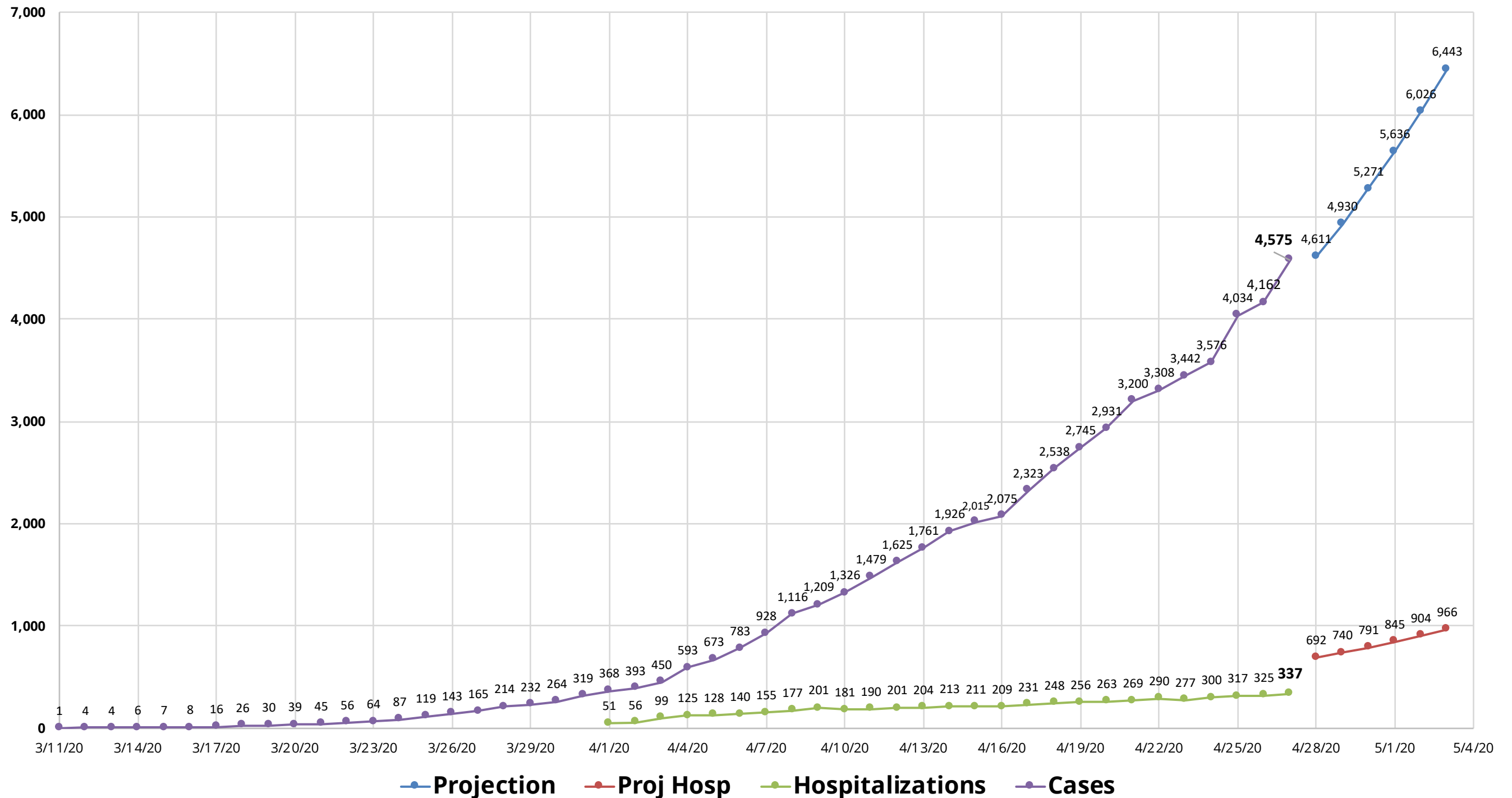
Trends and Actual - Cases and Hospitalizations

4/8/20, 4/13/20, and 4/27/20



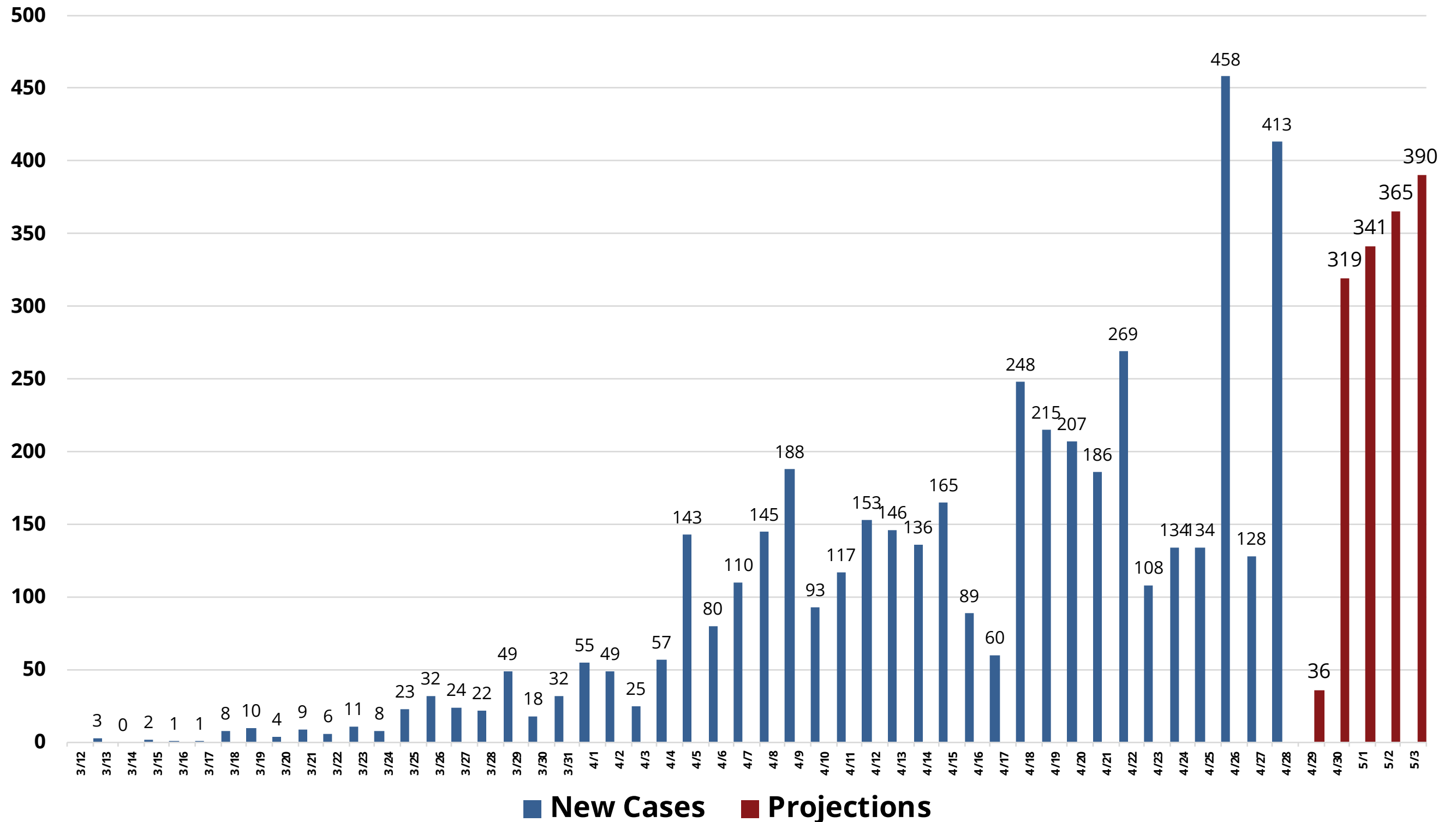
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Cases & Projections



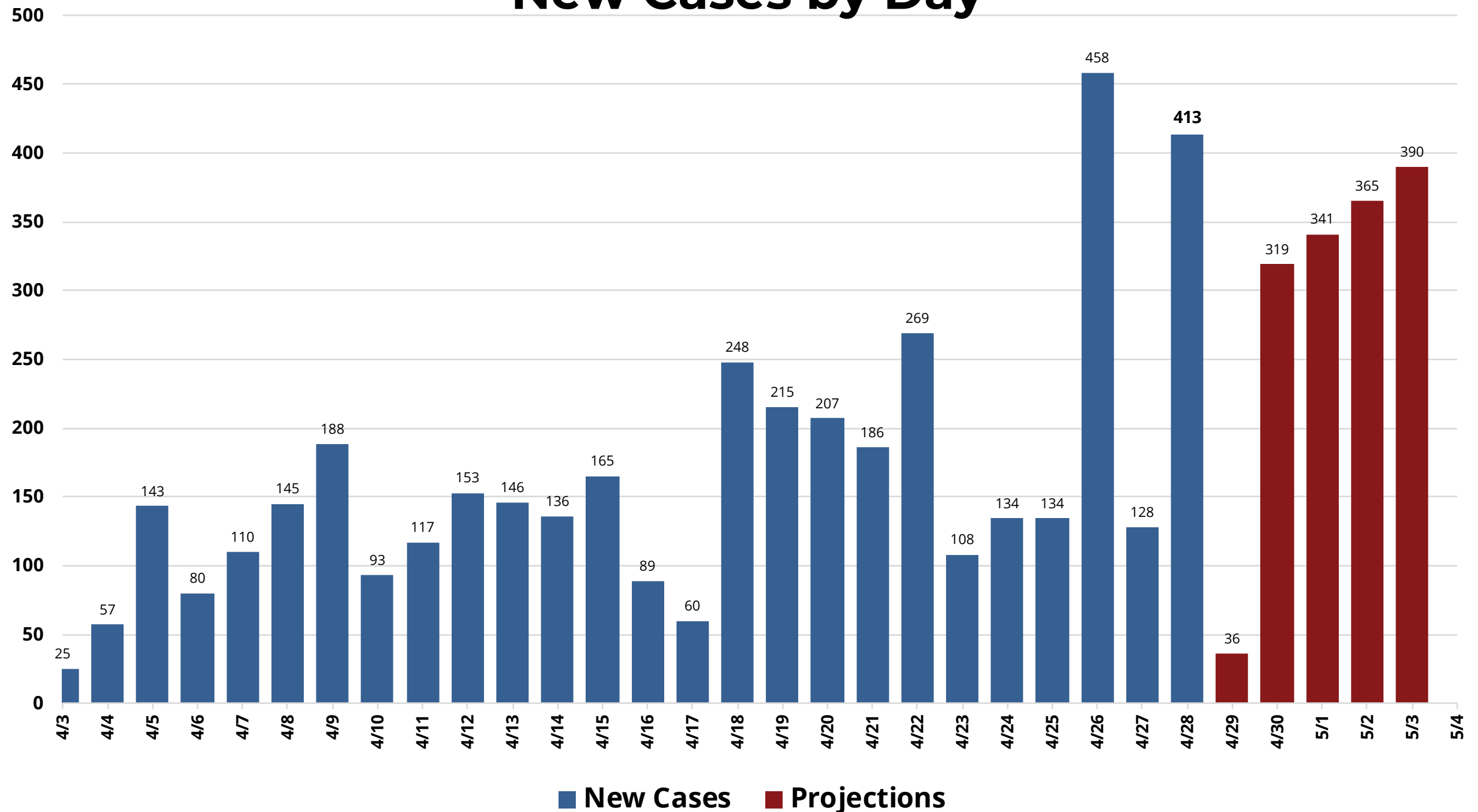
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New Cases by Day



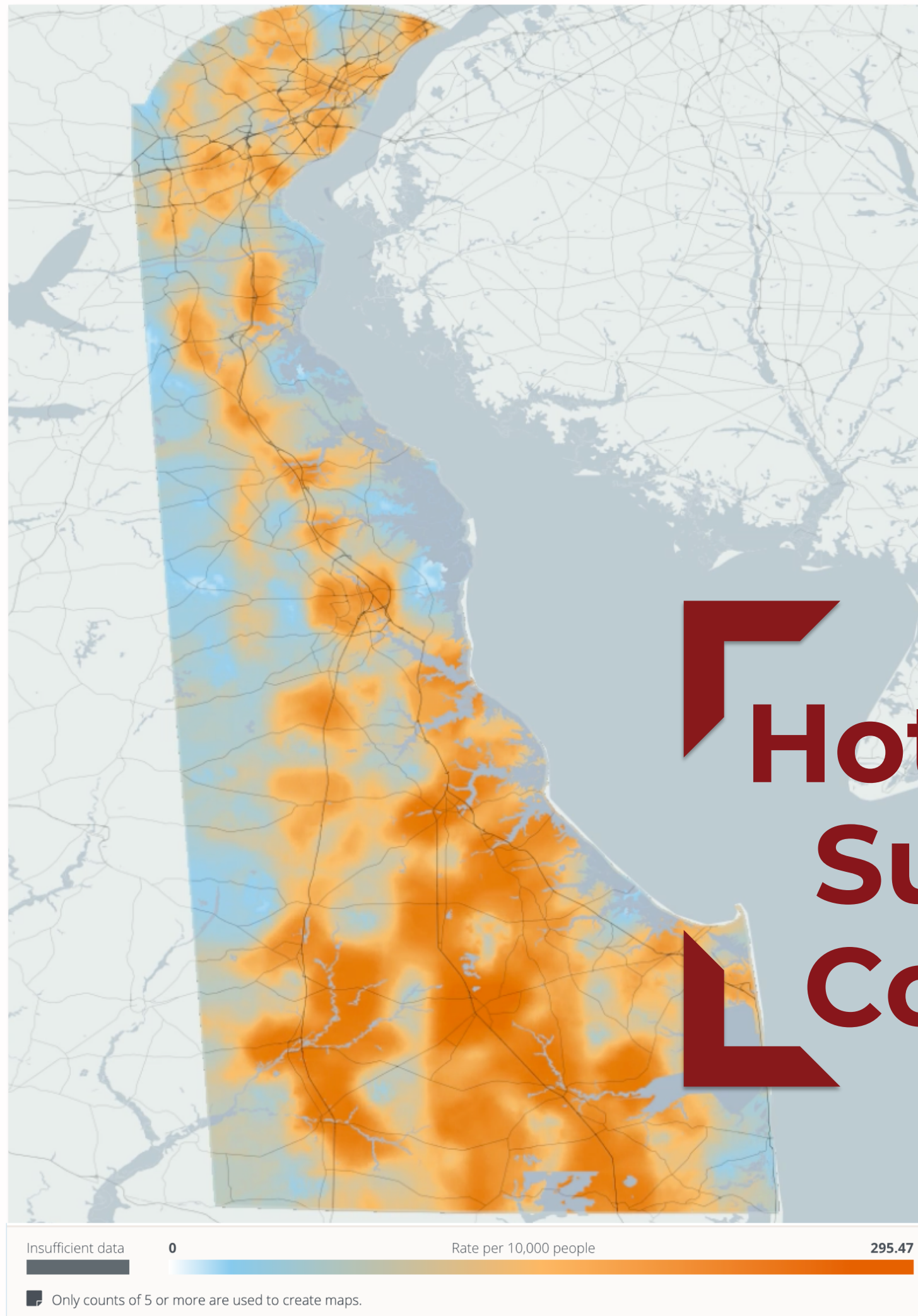
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New Cases by Day



Rate of COVID-19 Cases

per 10,000 population



Hot Spot: Sussex County

**This is a serious situation.
The fight is far from over.**

- **More than 35% of test results** at expanded community testing events came back positive for COVID-19
- Sussex County will see **increased testing, community outreach, and urgent communications**

Delaware's Economy

Before we can consider reopening Delaware's economy, we must meet the following criteria, based on federal guidelines:

WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN FIRST:

- 14 days of declining symptoms and presumed positive cases
- Ability to treat COVID-19 patients in hospitals without crisis care
- Extensive testing programs for health care workers

TO GET THERE, WE NEED:

- Widespread testing
- Increased and enhanced contact tracing, especially in vulnerable populations
- Adequate supply of personal protective equipment
- Protecting health and safety of workforce
- Public guidance on social distancing and face coverings
- Constant monitoring of situation to mitigate new outbreaks

THEN WE CAN IMPLEMENT PHASES OF RESTART

Learn more and submit feedback: **de.gov/economy**

Timeline of Delaware's Response



MARCH 11

First confirmed positive case of COVID-19



MARCH 12

State of Emergency Declaration



MARCH 16

Closed restaurants and bars



March 21

Closed Delaware beaches



MARCH 22

Stay-At-Home Order



MARCH 23

Schools closed until May 15



MARCH 29

Out-of-state travelers to self-quarantine for 14 days



APRIL 1

Additional business restrictions



APRIL 6

Banned short-term and commercial rentals



APRIL 15

Stricter measures in long-term care facilities



APRIL 23

Removed restrictions on out-of-state health care workers



APRIL 24

Schools closed through academic year



APRIL 28

Masks required in public settings; Sussex County identified as hot spot

"Stay safe. Stay home. All restrictions are intended to flatten the curve and preserve hospital capacity."

-Governor John Carney

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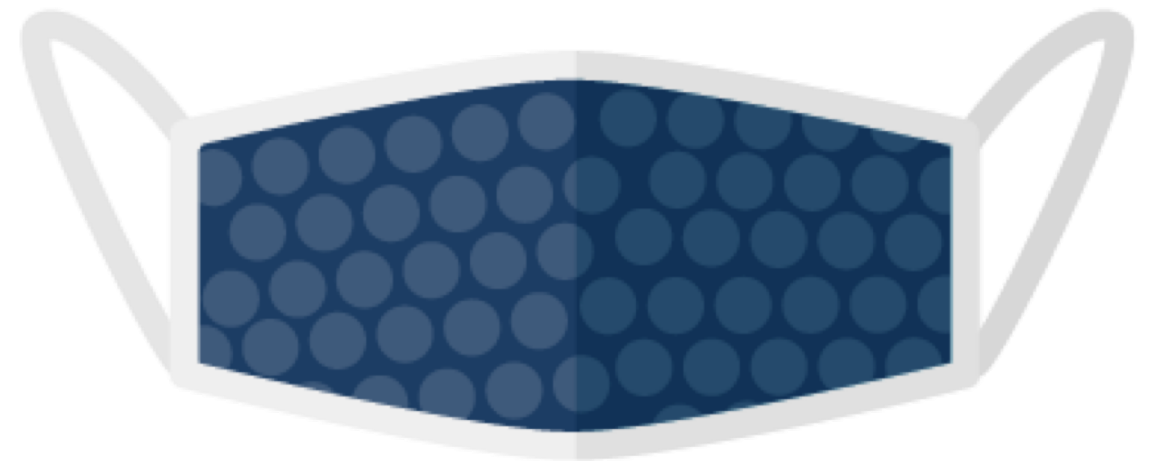
Face Coverings

Required in Public Settings

Do not use on children 2-years-old and under

- **Use cloth face coverings**

Reserve medical-grade masks for use by health care workers and first responders



- Practice **strict hand-washing before and after** touching the face covering
- Make sure you can **breathe**, and that it **covers your mouth and nose**
- **Not a replacement** for washing hands, practicing physical distancing, and staying home

Community Testing & Outreach

Dr. Karyl Rattay

Director of the Delaware Division of Public Health

- **Testing to reach high-risk populations:**
 - **Symptoms** consistent with COVID-19,
 - **Living or working** with someone diagnosed with COVID-19
 - Family members or housemates of **poultry industry workers**
 - **Chronic medical conditions** such as asthma, diabetes, hypertension, or compromised immune systems
- **CDC Epi Aid Team**
 - Will work to **quantify the extent of the spread** in Sussex
 - Identify the **transmission routes**
 - Provide **mitigation recommendations**

Public Health Response

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Testing

- **Total State Lab Tests – 2,955**
 - Total Positive Results – 726
 - Total Negative Results – 2,229
- **Total Hospital Tests – 22, 044**

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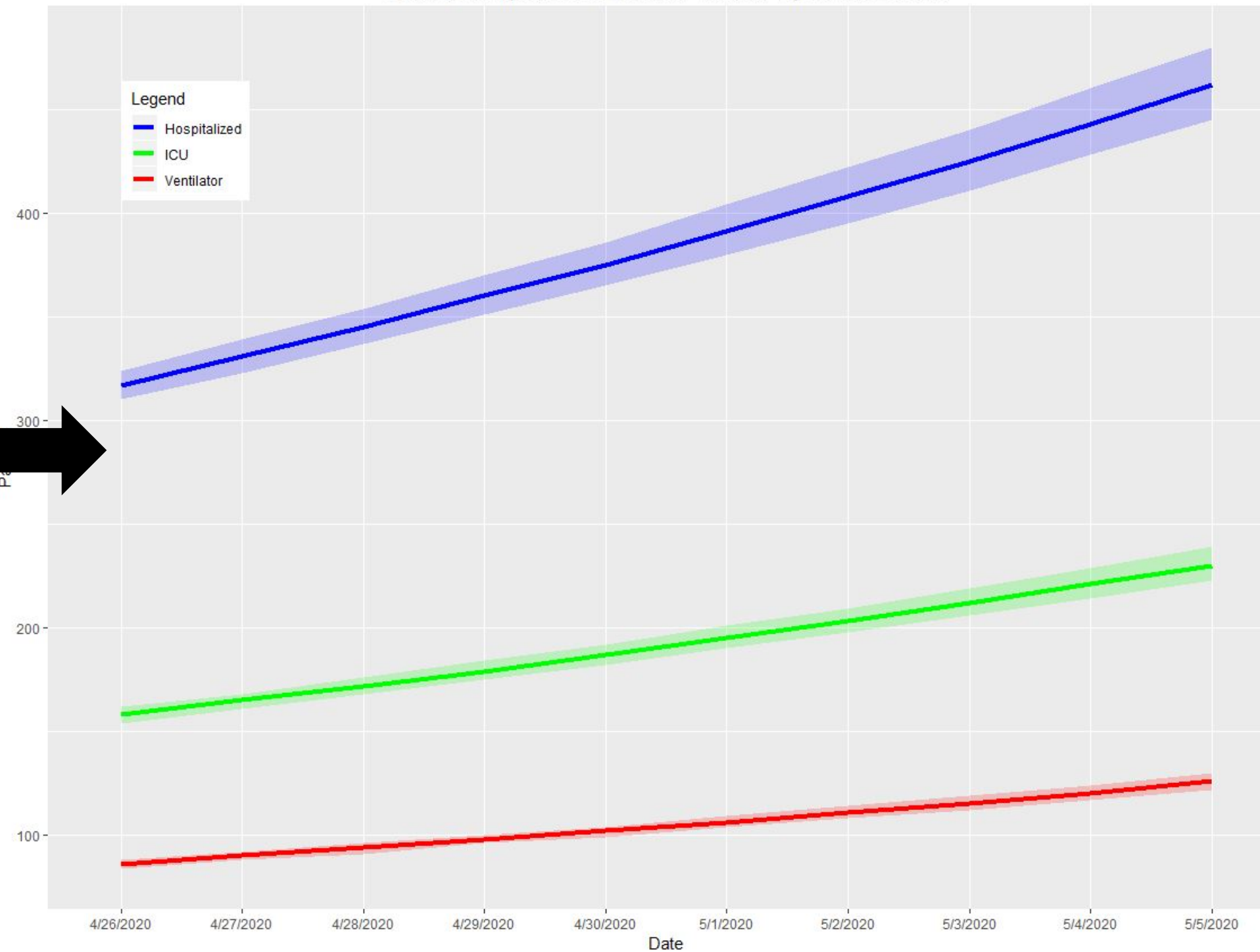
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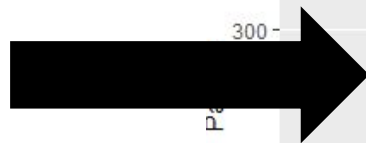
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Hospital Capacity

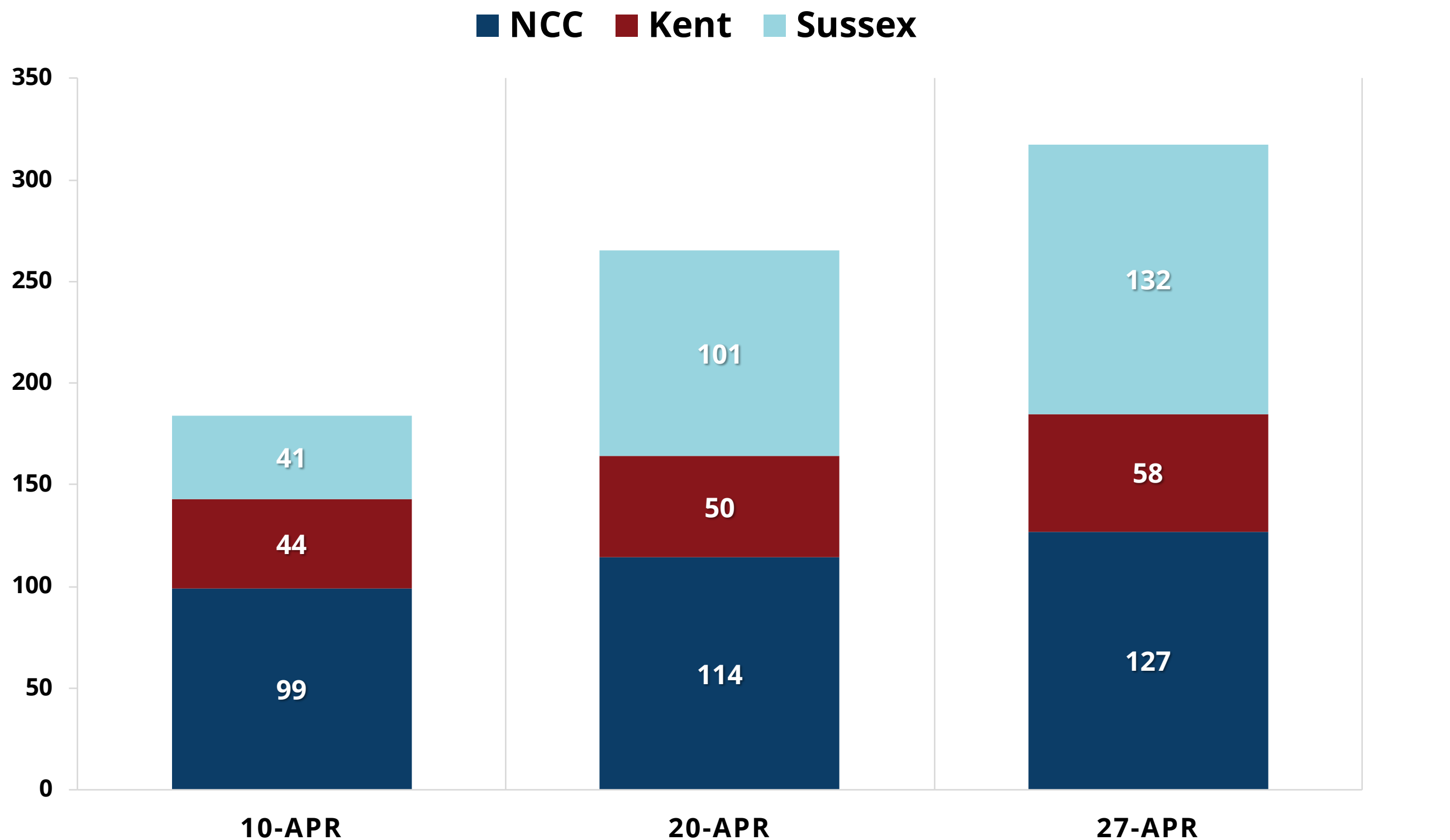
Delaware Hospital CHIME Model Forward Projection 4/26/2020



Last
week's
projection
for Sunday



Hospital Capacity



First Responder Testing

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- **Continuous improvements and increased access for First Responders**
- **Providing each County Paramedic Agency testing capability**
 - Currently testing
 - Soon capability for responders

Recovery

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- **Federal Disaster Declaration**
 - 53 agencies registered
- **Delaware COVID-19 Emergency Response Initiative (DCF Fund)**
 - \$4 million, distributed \$1.7 million
- **Ongoing effort**

Disasters & Mental Health

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TEXT “DEHOPE” to 557-53
HelpsHereDE.com

- **Mental health tips and behavioral health updates for self and family**
- **Calendar of virtual events, online support groups, chat lines:**
helpisherede.com/Get-Help/Community-Resources

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We're in this together.

- Stay home.
- Practice basic hygiene.
- Protect your neighbors.
- Save lives.

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